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Avian Flu: Mass culling of birds begins

Govt. to pay Rs.90 per bird as compensation to Poultry owners

A poultry farmer in Naguvinahalli of Srirangapatna taluk seen burying hundreds of live chicken at his farm this morning using an excavator. Picture right shows a Health Department Jeep fitted with public address system making an announcement ahead of the culling operation in city. [Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Mysuru, Mar.17 (RK&DM)- With Mysuru District Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar on Monday ordering culling of birds in 10-km radius of the spot at Kumbarakoppal where a few birds were found dead recently and Lab reports confirming that two of the dead birds had died of Avian Influenza or Bird Flu (H5N1), the city authorities began mass culling of chickens today.

A 20-member team of Veterinary doctors and other staff from the Veterinary Department and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), comprising Veterinary Dy. Director Dr. Ajith Kumar and Asst. Director Dr. S.C. Suresh, visited a poultry farm on Ring Road this morning and launched the day-long operation for mass culling of 4,500 chickens there.

Mass culling is done as per Bird Flu management protocol, according to which the officials will begin their operation by methodically marking the area as Avian Flu infected. Later a public announcement is made regarding mass culling, following which the chickens are buried in a huge pit dug up for the purpose and the process will complete by this evening.

First, a pit measuring 10' (Length) x 10' (Breadth) x 10' (Depth) is dug and crystal salt and sodium is poured into the pit.

(See CULLING on page 9)

Rs. 600 a kilo !

Sharp rise in mutton & fish price

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (RKB&DM)- With the demand for chicken falling drastically following Coronavirus and Bird Flu scare, mutton rates in city have witnessed a sharp jump over the past fortnight. The price of mutton which was about Rs.500 a kg a month ago today stood at Rs.600 at most stalls. The price of mutton is likely to go up further in a couple of days due to a sudden surge in demand, even as the District Administration started mass culling of chicken.

(See PRICE on page 9)

No Bird Flu scare at Zoo, Karanji Lake

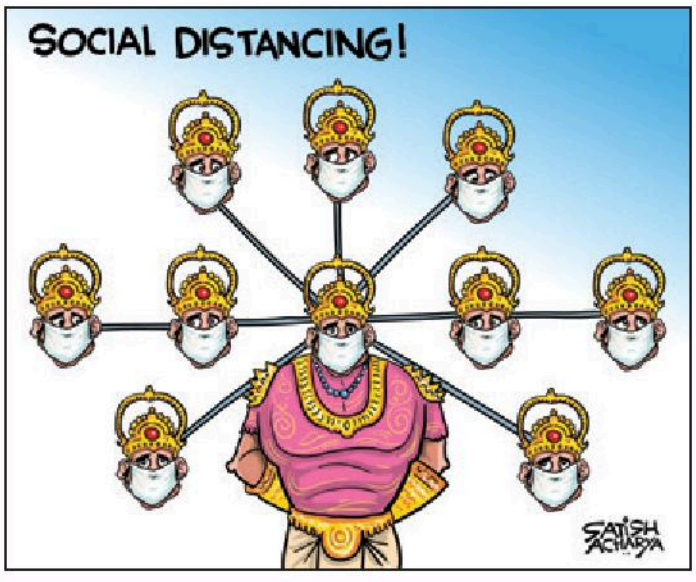
Mysuru, Mar. 17 (MTY&KS)- In the wake of Bird Flu, all precautions are being taken to prevent the spread of disease at Mysuru Zoo and Karanji Lake.

When *SOM* contacted Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni this morning, he said that there are no traces of Bird Flu at Mysuru Zoo but all necessary precautions are being taken.

The Zoo Director said that sanitisation of Zoo, which was being carried once in a month earlier, is being done once in a week now and added that the Zoo remains closed from Mar. 15 to Mar. 23 following COVID-19 scare.

(See BIRD FLU on page 9)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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Mysuru, Tuesday 17th March 2020

Planet's plight

Many aspects of the villainous virus virtually shaking nearly every region of the planet for the past few weeks are being flashed by the media in *quantitative* terms, stating the number of countries coming under its chilling presence, number of deaths attributed solely to the evil, number of people proving positive in the tests being meticulously carried out in all public places such as Airports, Railway Stations, locations hosting crowds in affected regions and so on, upsetting daily routine of people, causing lock-down of all economic, academic and social activities across the country in particular and the planet in general, making even the strongest minds clueless about the plight of planet (metaphor for the 7,000-plus million human population over the earth) in foreseeable future. The rest have already pressed panic buttons, but to no avail.

Many past generations have weathered pestilences such as bubonic plague, cholera, smallpox and so on long before remedies were found by researchers in medical science field even as *battles* have been won against some of those illnesses but the war seems to be evading victory for the human species. Animals have been facing more threat from human beings than illnesses known to afflict them.

Mercifully, India has not yet figured in the worldwide list of countries, numbering nearly 100, which are rated as highly vulnerable to the virus. However, to rest with a feeling of safety from being struck down by it amounts to extending an open invitation for it to perform its chilling cosmic dance as it were. The advisory that is being widely publicised on many counts, particularly maintaining personal hygiene and not crowding in public places has come just in time. But, as reported in the local press, some traders dealing with protective materials such as face mask are selling the products for profiteering, which is an anti-people act, to put it mildly.

The nationwide movement called *Swachch Bharat Abhiyan* launched on October 2, 2014 is yet to pick up pace and outreach among the masses. One hopes the land's millions steeped in ignorance and an outlook of not heeding advice that sets the ground rules to keep illnesses away will wake up and correct the life's wrongs before it is too late.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SANITISED LAUGHTER: *The serious concern of COVID-19 elicited laughter in Parliament after a Rajya Sabha MP showed up in a face mask, carrying a bottle of hand sanitiser. He was also carrying a letter addressed to the Chairperson of the Upper House, requesting him to install technologies such as thermal imaging on the Parliament premises, to screen potential carriers of Coronavirus. Things, however, took a hilarious turn when the AAP MP approached an actor-turned-politician who is also a Union Minister, with the bottle of sanitiser still in his hand. The Minister apparently told him: "Actor main hoon, acting aap kar rahe hain (I am the actor, but you are the one acting)." Those gathered burst out in laughter.*

— In Business Standard

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man transforms prison van into summer house for wife

Worcestershire: A retired man who couldn't believe his eyes when he saw how much a new summer house would cost, decided to build one in his own hands.

74-year-old Graham Skidmore from Barrow Hill in Worcestershire, bought the Police van, which was used to transport prison inmates to Court for £250. He then transformed the inside and furnished it, with the total cost for the project setting him back £750.

This is a massive saving compared with the £42,000 he was quoted for a conservatory or the £12,000 it would have set him back for a new outbuilding.

Upon seeing his handiwork, Graham's wife Sandra, joked: "I hope he doesn't lock me and throw away the key." The father-of-four is very happy with the new summer house, admitting that it offers better views than from their house.

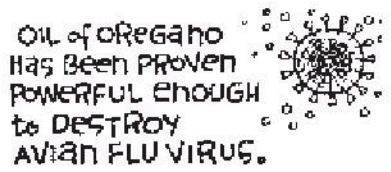
Sonic birthday cake ends up looking ruder than it should

London: Home baker, Siân Knight, recently discovered just how difficult it is when she attempted to make a Sonic the Hedgehog themed cake for her friend's birthday. Sonic is a video game character and he's blue in colour.

It's fair to say that the Sonic bake didn't turn out quite the way Siân had hoped. However she didn't let that worry her, instead she decided to snap a few photos of the hilarious looking cake and share it in the Rate My Plate Group on Facebook, where members can be quite scathing with their comments.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is there a natural way to get rid of nail fungus?



Oil of oregano and tea tree oil are powerful enough to kill nail fungus. But they must be used faithfully in order to work. They won't work if you use them sporadically. Apply 3 drops of oil of oregano and two drops of tea tree oil four times per day. Look for results after two months of application.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Seminar on emerging trends in Plant Science held

Mysuru, Mar. 17- The Post-Graduate Department of Botany, JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Ooty Road had organised UGC-sponsored State-level seminar on 'Emerging Trends in Plant Science.'

Dr. Venkatesh Prasad, Head, Synthetic Biology Function, Reliance Industries Ltd., Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai, inaugurated the seminar.

Chief guest N.M. Shivashankarappa, Director, Horticulture Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, inaugurated JSS-BOTANICA Forum, a Botanical Club for students studying Botany in JSS Institution. He spoke about uses of common plants like Tulsi as mouth freshener and home-made green tea.

College Chief Executive Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah presided and emphasised on importance Plant Science. "It is no more a basic science. With the advancement of technologies like Biotechnology, Metabolomics, Transcriptomics and Genetics it has transformed into a multidisciplinary subject. It has solutions for deadly disease like Corona which is getting attention worldwide in recent days. Areas of plant science like cell membrane studies and gene splicing will lead to major discoveries in near future," he added.

Principal Prof. M. Mahadevappa, Organising Secretary Dr. V. Beligiriranga , Convener Dr. S. Rashmi, Co-convener G.M. Sindhu and Organising member A.M. Meghashree, were present.

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A guy gets pulled over by a cop. The cop asks, *"You're speeding! Didn't you see the speed limit sign?"*

The man replied, *"Yeah I saw the speed limit sign, but I didn't see you!!"*

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- Avoid touching the mask, while using it.
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- Change the mask after six hours or as soon as they become wet.
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NEWS BRIEFS

No entry to Palace till Mar. 22

In an effort to combat and contain the Coronavirus spread, the District Administration has invoked prohibitory order to avoid mass gathering at public places. As per the guidelines, there will be no entry to Mysore Palace till Mar. 22, according to a release by Executive Officer of Mysore Palace Board.

Library service temporarily stalled

All libraries in the city including City Central Library and its regional branches will be closed till Mar. 23 to avoid public gathering, according to a release by City Central Library Deputy Director M. Manjunath.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	109.69 ft
Yesterday	110.28 ft
Inflow	248 cusecs
Outflow	3,652 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,273.71 ft
Inflow	136 cusecs
Outflow	700 cusecs

Amid COVID-19 scare...

Bird Flu confirmed in city

A file photo of dead birds in Hebbal.

DC Abhiram G. Sankar addressing an emergency press meet at his office last evening.

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (SBD&DM)- Even as the Coronavirus scare has forced partial lockdown in the entire State, the confirmation of Bird Flu (H5N1) has brought more scare among the city residents.

Addressing an emergency press meet at his office here last evening, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar said that Laboratory test reports on viscera samples of two of the seven birds found dead at Kumbarakoppal last week have confirmed that the deaths were due to Bird Flu.

Pointing out that the viscera samples of seven birds found dead in different parts of the city were sent to National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD) at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh on Mar.12, the DC said that reports that were received on Monday afternoon have confirmed that two of the birds found dead at Kumbarakoppal have died of Bird Flu.

In this backdrop, one kilometre radius of the spot where the birds died, has been declared as infected area and it has been ordered to cull all birds, including chicken, love birds, ducks, parrots, cranes and pigeons that are reared in 1-km radius.

Stating that the Veterinary Department will carry out the culling as per the protocol with co-operation from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Abhiram G. Sankar said that all the staff that are part of the culling operation will be provided safety kits.

The Health Department will dispense Tamiflu tablets to the members of the family that reared the birds and also keep a close tab on their health, he pointed out.

Asserting that the people must not be unduly scared of Bird Flu (H5N1), the DC said that the disease spreads only among birds and it is very rare for humans to contract the disease.

In this backdrop, the Veterinary Department, in association with NCC, will start mass culling of all reared birds in 1-km radius of the spot at Kumbarakoppal, he said and added that all other necessary measures are in place to stop the outbreak of H5N1 in the city.

All chicken shops in 10-km radius ordered to shut down

DC Abhiram G. Sankar has said that all chicken shops selling chicken meat and eggs, located in 10-km radius of the spot in Kumbarakoppal where the birds were found dead, have been ordered to shut from today (Mar.17).

The 10-km radius extends beyond the Outer Ring Road and also covers some villages in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district including Mogarahalli Manti on KRS Road. As such, the Mandya DC too has been informed of the mass culling of birds, he said.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Veterinary Department Deputy Director Dr. Ajith Kumar, MCC Health Officer Dr. Jayanth, Assistant Director of Information and Public Relations R. Raju and other officials were present.

City Police guidelines for public

Mysuru, Mar. 17- In the wake of spread of COVID-19, as a precautionary measure to prevent large public gatherings, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has invoked part 3 of Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (Cr.PC) in Mysuru city, prohibiting mass gatherings for religious events. This prohibitory order is applicable till further notice. Accordingly, City Police Commissioner has issued the following orders:

1. Closure of cinema halls, theatres, malls, pubs, nightclubs, exhibition, any sports activity where people gather in large numbers including cricket, football, hockey and other tournaments. People are instructed to avoid attending any large gatherings such as religious and cultural events.

2. Closure of swimming pools, gym etc; **3.** Closure of schools, colleges, coaching centres and other educational institutions.

4. Private organisations including IT and BT companies must adhere to precautionary measures and if possible, instruct their employees to work from home.

5. Private hospitals and nursing homes have been instructed to be alert and inform the Chief Medical Officer or on the helpline in case any person who has returned from a foreign country, approaches them for treatment.

6. Under the Mysuru City Commissionerate limits, all festivals and fairs have been cancelled to curb massive congregations including mass marriages, cultural programmes, distribution of food and prasadam.

7. No permission will be given for public meetings, summer camps, conferences and other such events.

8. People are advised to conduct wedding ceremony in a simple manner.

In temples and other such religious centres, daily rituals and pujas can be held in a low key manner avoiding mass gatherings. Exams shall be conducted as scheduled with all necessary precautionary measures.

Health Ministry issues additional travel and social distancing measure advisories

Meanwhile, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued an advisory yesterday on Social Distancing Measure in an effort to combat COVID-19. Elaborating on the concept of social distancing and how it will help in reducing the spread of virus, the official press release said, "Social distancing is a non-pharmaceutical infection prevention and control intervention implemented to avoid/ decrease contact between those who are infected with a disease-causing pathogen and those who are not, so as to stop or slow down the rate and extent of disease transmission in a community. This eventually leads to a decrease in spread, morbidity and mortality due to the disease."

The Ministry has proposed 15 interventions including closure of all educational establishments, gyms, museums, cultural and social centres, swimming pools and theatres; ongoing exams to be conducted only after ensuring a physical distance of one meter amongst students; encourage private sector organisations/ employers to allow employees to work from home wherever feasible; meetings, as far as feasible, shall be done through video conferences; restaurants to ensure handwashing protocol and proper cleanliness of frequently touched surfaces; keep already planned weddings to a limited gathering, postpone all non-essential social and cultural gatherings; non-essential travel should be avoided; hospitals to follow the necessary protocol related to COVID-19 management as prescribed and restrict family/ friends/ children visiting patients in hospitals; hygiene and physical distancing have to be maintained. Shaking hands and hugging as a matter of greeting to be avoided.

In continuation of the travel advisory issued on Mar.11, the Ministry has issued the following additional advisory: **1.** Expanding compulsory quarantine for a minimum period of 14 days for passengers coming from/ transiting through UAE, Qatar, Oman and Kuwait. This will come into effect from tomorrow (Mar. 18) at the port of first departure.

2. Travel of passengers from member countries of the European Union, the European Free Trade Association, Turkey and United Kingdom to India is prohibited with effect from tomorrow. No airline shall board a passenger from these nations to India with effect from tomorrow. The airline shall enforce this at the port of initial departure.

Both these instructions are temporary measures and shall be in force till Mar. 31 and will be reviewed subsequently.

VOICE OF THE READER

Need city bus to connect Ramakrishnanagar with Kuvempunagar depot

Sir,

There is a need to connect Ramakrishnanagar with Vivekananda Circle and Kuvempunagar bus depot. Several localities (such as Health Block, E&F Block) in Ramakrishnanagar quite far away from the main road on which city buses operate have been put to considerable difficulty in reaching the Vivekananda Circle and Kuvempunagar depot where more commercial activities take place and many connections to other areas of Mysuru are provided by KSRTC.

It is suggested to kindly extend the existing bus routes 61, 62, 63 etc., upto Kuvempunagar depot via Vivekananda Circle.

At present these buses terminate at Vrishabha Circle in Ramakrishnanagar near Lingambudhi Lake. They park these buses during their breaks on the road side occupying much space and many times with the engine running idle, creating obstacle and pollution to nearby houses.

The staff on these buses refuse to take ladies and senior citizens up to Vivekananda Circle which is about half-a-km away, even when the buses are doing their last lap and going to Kuvempunagar depot.

Passengers are very much inconvenienced with the withdrawal of route No.136 (contra route to 135) for so many years. This difficulty is all the more great when the Railway journey is in the night after 9 pm, when both Chamundi and Vishwamanava Express reach Mysuru.

I wish to appeal to the authorities concerned in KSRTC and other service-minded people's representatives (MLAs and Corporators) to show some concern to the travails of the travelling public and do the needful as early as possible.

— Prof. B.S. Shankara (retd.)
Ramakrishnanagar
15.3.2020

New CEO for Mysuru ZP

M.R. Ravi Kumar

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (KS)- IAS Officer M.R. Ravi Kumar, who was serving as the Managing Director of Karnataka Silk Marketing Board Limited, Bengaluru, has been transferred with immediate effect and posted as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) in place of K. Jyothi, who has been transferred.

Ravi Kumar had served as the Personal Secretary of Tanveer Sait, the then Primary and Secondary Education Minister in the previous Congress Government; as MCC Commissioner in 2018 and also as MD of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Ltd. Bengaluru.

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President nominates former CJI Ranjan Gogoi to Rajya Sabha

Justice Ranjan Gogoi

New Delhi, Mar. 17 (UNI)- President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday nominated former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi to the Rajya Sabha.

According to a notification by the Home Ministry, "in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (a) of clause (1) of Article 80 of the Constitution of India, read with clause (3) of that Article, the President is pleased to nominate Ranjan Gogoi to the Council of States to fill the vacancy caused due to the retirement of one of the nominated member."

Justice Ranjan Gogoi retired from the Supreme Court on Nov. 17, 2019. Under the Constitution, the President has the power to nominate 12 members to the Rajya Sabha.

Coronavirus: SC takes *suo moto* cognisance of overcrowding in Jails

Apex Court seeks reply of Director-General, Prison and Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories by Mar. 20 regarding precautionary measures taken in Jails across India

New Delhi, Mar. 17- A Two-Judge Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) S.A. Bobde and L.N. Rao issued a notice to the Director-General, Prison and Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories and has sought their reply by Mar. 20 regarding the precautionary measures taken for the prevention of COVID-19.

The Apex Court has also directed all States and Union Territories to delegate an officer on Mar. 23, who could assist it in the matter. The Bench also took *suo moto* cognisance of prevalent conditions in Remand Homes where juveniles in conflict with law are lodged.

It observed that some States have taken steps for the pandemic but there are some States which have not taken appropriate measures. The Court also cautioned that mass gathering is a big problem and it can become a centre for the spread of Coronavirus. The Court also said it will issue reasons on why it has taken *suo moto* cognisance of the matter.

"We need to formulate some guidelines and directions should be issued with respect to overcrowding of prisons in the wake of Coronavirus," the Bench said.

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My client intends to enter into Joint Development Agreement with respect to the Schedule property with its owners **(1) Sri. DR Shivram**, S/o Late DN Ramappa, and **(2) Sri DR Thammanna**, S/o Late D.N. Ramappa, both residing at No.81, 2nd Main Road, Yadavagiri, Mysuru-570002. If any person/s who claims any right, interest or title of any nature or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property or has any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge or report such claim and / or objections in writing with supporting documents to the undersigned within **Ten (10) days**, from the date of publication of this notice. In the event of no such claims /objections have received it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsists and my client would proceed to enter into Joint Development Agreement with respect to the Schedule Property as if no such claim or objections exists or that they have been waived or abandoned.

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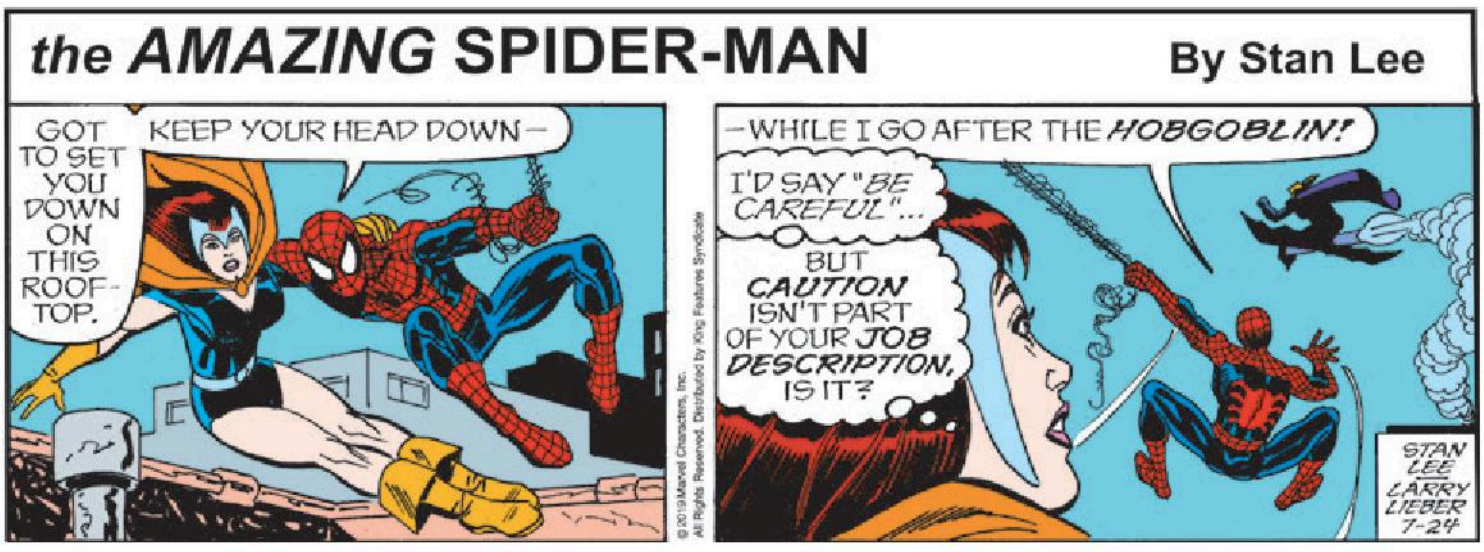
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Virus , Virus, Go Away, L'le Johnny...

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

The Coronavirus is anti-national because it has undermined our international diplomacy. As everyone knows, Prime Minister Modi developed the full-body embrace as the dominant feature of India's foreign policy. Donald Trump, France's Macron, Japan's Abe, Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince, Australia's Prime Minister have all savoured the impact of the bear hug. Barack Obama was given what came to be known as the mother of all hugs. He survived.

Alas, our Prime Minister will not be able to embrace world leaders any longer. Even the simple-humble hand-shake is ruled out. Coronavirus forces Modiji to go down to the level of the unaffectionate *Namaste*. This is, of course, very Indian, traditional and non-touching, formally acknowledged as *Anjali Mudra* meaning "I bow to the divine in you." It may be divine, but it lacks the drama of the Modi hug.

This virus also produces hallucinations. It recently made Delhi look like a town in Kerala. Someone in the national capital decided that, out of the 1600 television channels in India, two Malayalam channels must be singled out for an outright ban. Thus *Asianet* and *Media One* vanished. Apparently the channels reported the Delhi riots over the Citizenship Act in wrong ways. Malayalam channels reach no more than 4 percent of the viewer population. That two of these were ordered closed was curious. It was curiouser when the Union Information Minister said he knew nothing about how the ban came about. Mysterious are the ways of the Lord.

The end result was that *Asianet* and *Media One* received a big dose of publicity and, crossing the limitations of language, became the most discussed channels in the country. No one will grudge that because both are much-loved channels. This is all the more interesting because *Asianet* is owned by a BJP leader while *Media One* is an initiative by a Muslim group. The BJP leader was wise enough not to touch *Asianet's* journalism while the Muslim group kept religiosity away from *Media One's* journalism. Thus all became beneficiaries — owners, journalists and the viewing public, a tribute to Kerala sensibilities.

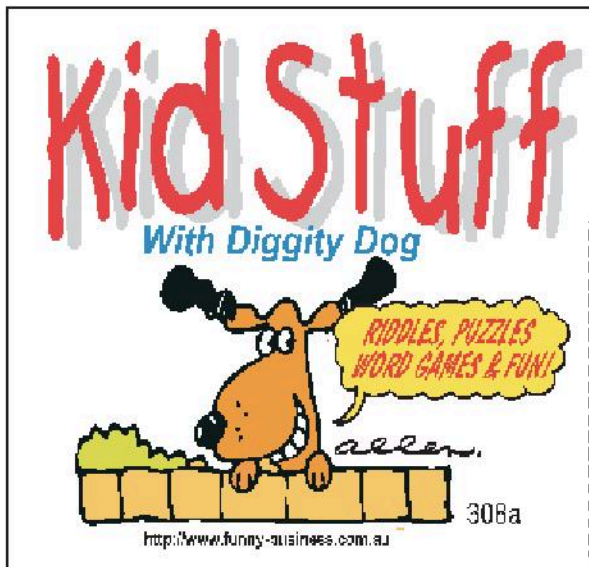
Asianet was the brainchild of then-PTI journalist Sashi Kumar. That it was the first TV news channel in Malayalam and that Sashi Kumar was a thorough professional quickly made it a force to reckon with. As fortune's wheels turned, Sashi exited and, after some twists and turns, Rajeev Chandrasekhar became the owner of the channel.

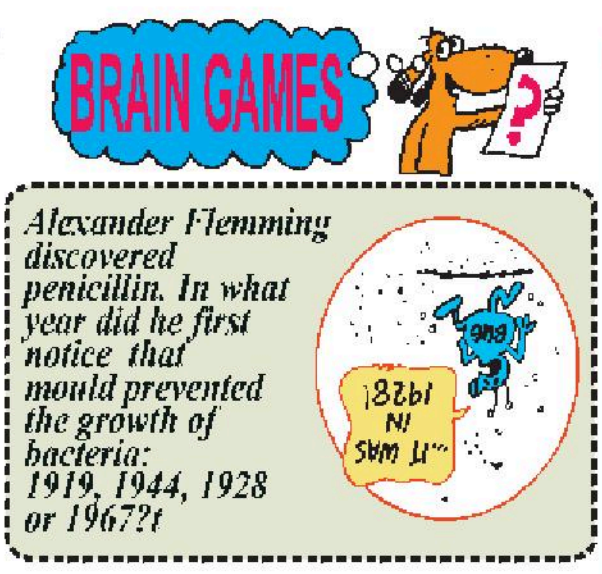
Son of an Air Commodore, Rajeev Chandrasekhar qualified as an engineer with an instinct for innovation. He hit big time with a company he founded, BPL Mobile, an early bird in electronics. When he sold the company's majority shares, he made a whopping 1.1 billion US dollars. That was when he was bitten by the political bug. As ambition soared, he acquired radio, print and channel media, eventually joining the BJP as a direct route to power. In the event, the BJP proved smarter. It used his resources and outlets for the benefit of the party, giving him in return only a seat in Parliament, not a Ministership he longed for. (The same trick the BJP has repeated with Jyotiraditya Scindia.)

But the businessman in him understood the value of *Asianet*, and left it strictly alone. Never once did regular viewers of *Asianet* feel that the channel was owned by a BJP leader. Nor did *Asianet* journalists feel that they were employees of a BJP man. Perhaps Rajeev Chandrasekhar himself was unsure whether he owned it, so far apart was the channel from his political position.

To appreciate the value of *Asianet* journalism, all we need to do is take a look at *Republic TV*, another channel Rajeev Chandrasekhar owned. *Republic's* credibility became zero as its editorial shouter, Arnab Goswami became a promoter of twisted news and thereby an object of ridicule. Rajeev Chandrasekhar must have understood the difference between *Republic* and *Asianet*, for he did not hesitate to transfer a chunk of shares to Arnab Goswami, making *Republic* an editor-controlled company. The channel developed a trademark of its own with guest participants shouting together, only to be outshouted by Arnab, turning the show into an editor-controlled farce. *Times Now* headlined a report in cringing language: *"Modi avoids world's mistake. Isolates India from virus. But opposition finds fault."* Do these media wizards think that viewers are idiots?

There is possibly a virus in channel owners' minds that makes them feel that they must function as extensions of State propaganda. *Asianet* stays apart, chanting: *Virus, virus, go away, Little Johnny wants to play. And Little Johnny has been playing very well.*

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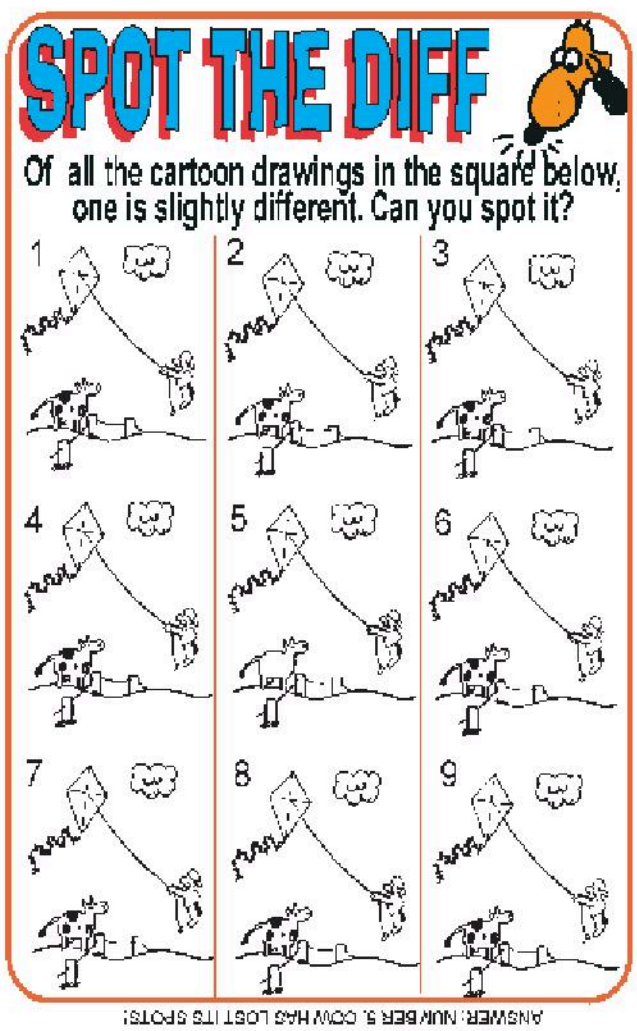

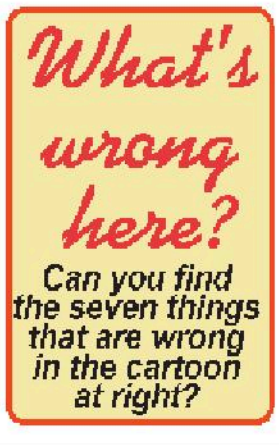

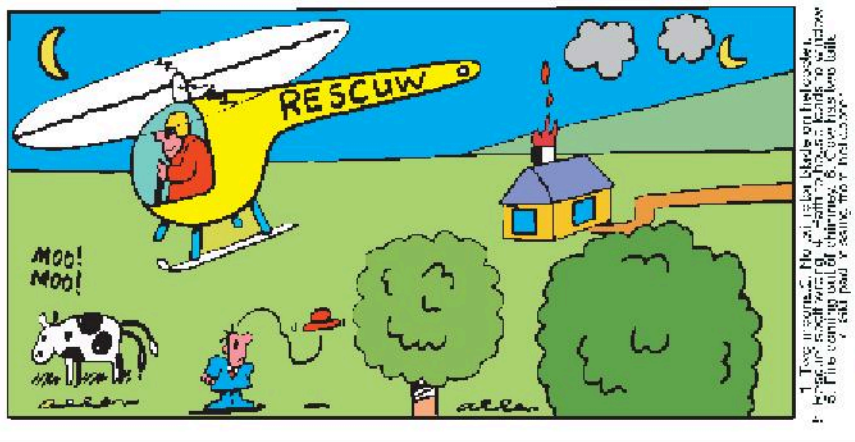

Mysore Asthana Vidwan
Prof. Nagabhushanachar no more

Mysuru, Mar. 17- Mysore Asthana Vidwan Prof. V. Nagabhushanachar, a resident of K.T. Street in city, passed away at his granddaughter's residence in Dharwad yesterday. He was 88.

Son of K. Veerappachar and Chennajamma couple and a favourite disciple of 'Nada Praveena' M. Venkatesh, Prof. Nagabhushanachar was 'Asthana Vidwan' from 1956 to 1967.

From 1967 to 1992, he had served as a lecturer, Professor and Principal at Mysore University Fine Arts College. An expert in Tanjavur style Mridanga recital, he also played Konnakol, Kanjira and Morching instruments. He not only played classical music but was also well-versed in mridanga accompaniment to plays.

He had accompanied many stalwarts like T. Chowdiah, Mahalingam, Pallavi Chandrappa, D.K. Pattammal, Dandapani Desikar, Alathur Brothers and Doraiswamy Iyengar. In the dance field, he had given instrumental support to K. Venkatalakshmamma, Nandini Eswer and Umarao.

It is notable that he had given demonstration along with his Guru at Madras Music Academy in 1966. A recipient of Karnataka Kalashree and Mridanga Kala Sindhu, he was felicitated by Bengaluru Gayana Samaja, Karnataka Gana Kala Parishat and Chennai's Shruti Laya institution.

His wife had predeceased him. His mortal remains were brought from Dharwad to Mysuru yesterday and last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill last evening.

MP meets top official of Civil Aviation Ministry

Mysuru, Mar.17- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha met the Joint Secretary of Union Ministry of Civil Aviation, Usha Pade, at New Delhi recently and held talks with her regarding operating flights from Mysuru to important destinations such as Mumbai, New Delhi, Shirdi and Tirupati. She is said to have responded positively for the MP's proposals on improving air-connectivity in respect of Mysuru.

Usha Pade, a Kannadiga hailing from Sirsi in Uttara Kannada District, is instrumental in the success of 'UDAN' scheme of the Civil Aviation Ministry which has become popular among air passengers.

Exclusive POCSO Court opens in city

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (RK&KS)- Principal District and Sessions Court Judge S.K. Vontigodi yesterday inaugurated an exclusive POCSO (Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences) Special Court at Mysuru District Court (Old Court) premises in city.

Following directions from the High Court that every district should have a POCSO Special Court, the Special Court was opened in Mysuru.

POCSO Special Court Judge Devaraju, Mysuru Bar Association President Anandkumar, Secretary Shivanna, Jayashree and others were present.

Journalist, former RS Member Patil Puttappa passes away
Funeral at native place in Haveri district this evening

Hubballi, Mar. 17- Veteran journalist and former Rajya Sabha (RS) Member Patil Puttappa, better known as 'Papu', breathed his last due to age-related ailments at a hospital here yesterday. He was 101.

He is survived by son Ashok and daughters Manjula and Shailaja. The funeral will take place at Puttappa's native place Halageri in Haveri this evening.

A journalist par excellence, writer and khadi activist, he was a strong voice of Kannada and Kannadigas throughout his life.

He was hospitalised about a month ago and had recently undergone a minor surgery at the Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS). Although he recovered and was responding to treatment, his health deteriorated in the last couple of days.

Recipient of several awards, including the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award, T.S.R. Award and 'Nadoja', Puttappa was born at Kurubagoda village in the then undivided Dharwad district (now, Haveri district) to Siddalingappa and Mallamma.

During his school days, he was influenced by the freedom movement and fondly remembered Mahatma Gandhi's pat on his shoulder during his visit to Byadgi. The village boy then had his college education in Dharwad and became a Law Graduate in 1945. Although he went to Mumbai to take up legal profession, his interest in journalism brought him to Hubballi.

Puttappa then went to California for higher studies in journalism in 1949. On his return, despite not having a solid financial backing, he went on to launch Kannada magazine 'Prapancha' in 1954, which soon became popular. He then started 'Sangama,' a digest, and then the daily 'Vishwavani' in 1959.

He served as RS Member from 1962 to 1974 and became President of Karnataka Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Dharwad, in 1967.

Known for his journalistic values, Puttappa also courted controversies for his straightforwardness. He is remembered for his active participation in the unification of Karnataka and in Gokak agitation. Puttappa could fluently voice his views both in Kannada and English and was known for his sharp memory. Always a strong critic of the ruling dispensation, he never hesitated to call a spade a spade. Puttappa was always there for the cause of Kannada and has penned over 50 works.

Several leaders, including Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, had met him in hospital recently and Yediyurappa had announced the 'Basava Award' to the veteran journalist. In fact, the official presentation of the award was to take place at the hospital on today (Mar.17).

Obituary

Mittu Devi

Hunsur, Mar.17- Mittu Devi (72), mother of Kiran (owner of Paaras Banker), passed away at her residence on S.J. Road in Manjunatha Layout this morning. She leaves behind three sons, a daughter, daughters-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites at Hindu Burial Grounds this evening.

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Coronavirus' impact on everything

Thermal Screening begins
at City Law Courts Complex
Courts to take up only emergency cases

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (MTY&DM)- The COVID-19 scare has affected the Judicial proceedings too, with the City Law Courts declaring that only emergency cases will be taken up for hearing.

Following a direction by Karnataka High Court Chief Justice A.S. Oka, the High Court Registrar-General Rajendra Badamikar on Sunday had issued a notification to all District Courts asking them to take up only emergency cases, in view of the partial lockdown announced by the State Government to stop the spread of Coronavirus.

Subsequent to the notification, the City Law Courts has deferred hearing of all cases, except emergency ones, until further orders. Accordingly, the 34 Benches in the City Courts and 16 Benches at Taluk Courts in the district are taking up only emergency cases.

The High Court notification also said that litigants be exempted from personal appearance in Courts, unless their presence is compulsorily needed. As they were unaware of this, many litigants and the public turned up at the Courts complex on Monday and had to return soon after, upon coming to know of the restrictions in view of the Coronavirus scare.

Meanwhile, Mysore Bar Association, taking note of the High Court notification, has put up a notice on its Notice Board in the Law Courts premises, asking the Bar members to inform all their clients not to come to the Courts for hearings, until further orders.

Thermal Screening begins

Even as the Government is taking all measures that it can to stop the spread of the deadly COVID-19, the Court too taking cue, has started thermal screening of all advocates, litigants and members of the public arriving at the Court, starting from today.

A thermal screening point has been set up at the entry gate of the Court and Medical staff are carrying out thermal screening of all the visitors.

Spanish Football Coach
Francisco Garcia dies at 21

Francisco Garcia

Malaga, Mar. 17- Spanish football coach Francisco Garcia, who worked with Atletico Portada Alta, has died from Coronavirus. He was 21.

He was suffering from leukemia which made him vulnerable against the virus and he was taken to the Regional Hospital of Malaga with severe coronavirus symptoms where he passed away on Sunday, reports said.

Garcia had served as Malaga-based club Atletico Portada Alta's youth team Manager since 2016 and has now become the fifth and the youngest victim to have died from the Coronavirus in the region.

A statement from the Club read: "From Atletico Cotada Alta we want to express our deepest condolences to the family, friends and relatives of our coach Francisco Garcia who has left us, unfortunately, unfortunately, today."

Major football leagues in Spain have all been suspended indefinitely to contain the spread of Coronavirus.

Maharashtra to stamp
those under home quarantine

Mumbai, Mar. 17- In an unprecedented move, the Maharashtra State Government — where maximum Coronavirus cases have been reported — on Monday said it would "stamp" all those who have been sent to home quarantine amid scare over the pandemic.

Left hand of those under home quarantine will be stamped to identify them easily, said Health Minister Rajesh Tope. The decision, taken at a meeting of top officials chaired by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, has been described as a precautionary measure after 39 cases of COVID-19 were detected in the State.

Late on Monday evening, Greater Mumbai's Municipal Commissioner Pravin Pardeshi issued an order to all officials concerned at hospitals and the airport, asking them to 'stamp' behind the left palm of those under home quarantine, dates of isolation, with ink that would last for 14 days.

Third death in India

A 64-year-old man, who had contracted coronavirus infection, died in Mumbai hospital this morning. This is the third death in the country linked to COVID-19. The other two deaths were at Kalaburagi in Karnataka and in New Delhi.

Visitors banned at Mysuru Jail

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (RK&KS)- Family members of inmates, visitors and advocates are banned from entering Mysuru Jail since yesterday and a notice in this regard has been put up at the entrance to the jail.

Disclosing this to *Star of Mysore*, Chief Superintendent of Mysuru Central Prisons K.C. Divyashree said that two isolation cells have been created at the prison premises with three doctors, lab technicians and para-medical staff who are provided with masks.

Continuing, she said that advisory handbills given by the District Administration has been pasted in all cells and thermal device is being used for screening.

Precautionary measures to be taken is being announced regularly through the public address system and the three doctors have been in-charge of the isolation cells which have been provided with all necessary facilities, Divyashree added.

Help Desk at Rly. Station

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (KS)- In a bid to prevent spread of Coronavirus and to educate people about the precautions to be taken, the South Western Railways (SWR) has opened **Special Medical Help Desks** at all important Railway Stations including Mysuru Railway Station.

Apart from Mysuru Railway Station, similar Help Desks are opened at Railway Stations in Bengaluru, Hubballi, Vijapura, Belagavi, Gadag, Ballari, Hosapet, Alnawar, Bagalkot and Vasco da Gama.

The Railway staff is being provided training and the Help Desks will be opened for two-three days in a week.

More than 600 posters with messages on prevention of Coronavirus in Kannada and English have been pasted at all important Railway Stations and handbills are being distributed to passengers. Audio and video instructions are being announced on loud speakers and screened on LED screens.

To treat passengers with suspected Coronavirus symptoms, a 10-bed Ward has been opened at the Railway Hospital.

Avian Flu: Mass culling of birds begins

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Then, the chickens are dumped en masse (4,500 today) into the pit and buried. Thereafter, the pit is covered with excavated mud, following which bleaching powder and Sodium-Hypochlorite liquid is sprayed around the entire premises of the poultry farm as a sanitisation measure. All the Veterinary Department and MCC staff involved in the operation were provided protection kits and N95 face-masks.

Tomorrow, the second day of the operation, the team of Veterinary Doctors, Livestock Inspectors and attendants, will cull birds at a poultry farm in B.M. Shri Nagar and on the third day on Thursday, the culling will be taken up near Hebbal burial grounds.

Compensation

With the District Administration launching mass culling operation of birds, the Government has proposed to pay the poultry owners a compensation of Rs.90 for every culled chicken.

Culling at Naguvinahalli

A poultry farmer in Srirangapatna taluk buried thousands of chickens this morning at his farm amidst the Bird Flu scare.

Vinay Kumar of Naguvinahalli in Srirangapatna taluk, Mandya district, said that he found some chickens at his poultry farm dying all of a sudden for the past one week. Fearing that he may not be able to sell them, he culled 4,000 chickens at his farm by burying them in a pit. He said that he has been rearing chicken in his poultry farm located at Brahmapura near his village since 6 months.

"This is the second batch of chickens that I am breeding. There were about 3,500 to 4,000 chickens in my farm. Since the past one week some birds started dying enmassse, may be due to a disease. Due to decreasing demand, I have already lost lakhs of rupees. I had to bury them to avoid further spread of Bird Flu," Vinay Kumar pointed out.

No Bird Flu scare at Zoo, Ranganathittu

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Continuing, he said that the Zoo was sanitised yesterday with the Zoo staff spraying disinfectants to prevent Bird Flu and added that all birds at the Zoo are healthy and are being given immunisation boosters regularly as per the Zoo protocol.

The Executive Director said that the bird droppings are being collected and sent to the laboratory in Bengaluru once in a week and are also sent to the Bhopal Lab once in a month for testing. The Zoo staff are closely monitoring the behaviour and movement of the birds and at present there is no scare of Bird Flu at the Zoo and Karanji Lake.

It may be recalled that the Mysuru Zoo is being shut for the second time in its 127-year history. The Zoo was closed for visitors for the first time three years ago in January 2017 for a month due to Bird Flu scare then.

Precautions at Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary: Speaking about the precautions being taken up at the Bird Sanctuary, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Alexander told *SOM* that a team of Veterinarians led by Animal Husbandry Department Assistant Director Padmanabh visited the Sanctuary at Ranganathittu and also Kokkare Bellur this morning.

Bird droppings, which were collected earlier, were sent to the lab for testing and no positive cases have come up but still, precautions are being taken up by spraying disinfectants at both the places, he added.

No hand sanitisers available in crowded Sub-Registrar Offices

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (RKB&SD)- Amidst the District Administration issuing fresh guidelines to combat Coronavirus spread, Sub-Registrar Offices in city were functioning as usual this morning with almost no precautionary measures.

Nearly 1,000 visitors come to Sub-Registrar offices everyday for registration of properties, marriage and other such services. The office located near Vijayanagar Water Tank was crowded as usual this morning. People seeking services were standing in close proximity to each other. There were no hand sanitisers or tissue papers available before using biometric devices.

Nearly six to eight members including lawyers accompany the bride and bridegroom, who come here daily for marriage registration. Similarly, people who want to register their properties, like selling or buying sites and other establishments, visit this place everyday. Thumb impressions of buyer and seller of a particular property will be taken using biometric devices.

When *Star of Mysore* spoke to Mysuru District Registrar (DR) Vijayalakshmi Inamdar, she said: "We are following cleanliness here as per the guidelines issued by the District Administration. We cannot shut down these services as it would incur huge losses to Government."

When asked why they are not using hand sanitisers and other protection guidelines, she said that the office is following whatever measures they could do at this point as per the directives issued by their Department.

To minimise the spread of the disease, experts suggest keeping a distance of 6 feet between two people. In Registrar's office, both officials and most of the general public, seemed to be unaware of any such preventive measures.

Some of them have urged the District Administration to take all necessary precautions in public places, in particular Government offices such as Sub-Registrar offices.

Sharp rise in mutton and fish price

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Despite the high prices, mutton has been in great demand by people. Many people were seen standing in queues at various stalls in extensions.

Meanwhile, some chicken stalls were found open today in city, despite the District Administration banning the sale of chicken meat, eggs and other poultry products.

A chicken stall owner said that business has come down by nearly sixty percent following Coronavirus scare and today a KG of broiler chicken is selling at Rs.80 to 100 a kg. The price stood anywhere between Rs.160 and 190 just a couple of months ago, he said and added that there are few buyers of chicken meat following Bird Flu.

Prices of fish also shoot up: Fish too is witnessing a rise in its prices following demand and the price of fish too is increasing by the day. *Bangda* variety of fish is selling at Rs. 300 to Rs. 325 a kg, while the price stood at Rs. 250 to Rs. 275 a kg just over a fortnight ago.

The price of *Anjal* variety has risen sharply, with the fish selling close to Rs. 1,200 a kg. The price of this variety just a few days ago was between Rs.850 and 900.

Overall it can be said, that with the huge decline in the demand for chicken, the prices of mutton and fish have risen by a whopping 25 to 30 percent in just over a fortnight.

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ATMEya-2020 throws light on wildlife conservation

Mysuru, Mar. 17- ATMEya-2020, the Annual Cultural Fest of ATME College of Engineering, Mysuru, was held recently on the theme 'Save the Wild.'

Krupakar-Senani, renowned wildlife photographers duo and Ajit M. Kulkarni, Executive Director of Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Garden (Mysuru Zoo), were the chief guests.

Senani, in his address, said: "Like man, every living being has the right to live to maintain ecological balance. Hence, we have the responsibility to protect natural resources, especially the forests."

In his address, Ajit Kulkarni said: "The survival of nature is interconnected with wildlife, as everybody is interdependent on each other. Or else, it will have a negative impact on geographical system. All have the responsibility to create awareness on biodiversity."

On this occasion, ATME handed over a cheque for Rs.75,500 to Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni towards adoption of animals under the Animal Adoption Scheme of the Zoo.

ATME Governing Council Member Dr. Syed Shakeeb Ur Rahman presided over the function. Hon. Secretary K. Shivashankar was present.

Principal Dr. L. Basavaraj spoke on the signification of Annual Cultural Fest. Cultural Committee Chairman Dr. P.K. Mahesh briefed about the activities organised as part of Annual Fest.

The evening also featured performances by Vasuki Vaibhav of 'Bigg Boss' fame and his troupe; Comedy Show by 'Kamidi Kiladigalu' fame Shivaraj K.R. Pete, Nayana and Hithesh.

Prize-winners of 'techNIEks'

Mysuru, Mar. 17- The three-day annual Techno-Cultural Fest 'techNIEks 2020' of National Institute of Engineering (NIE) was inaugurated at the Diamond Jubilee Block of NIE campus in the presence of Swami Yukteshanandaji, Coordinator, Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, as the chief guest.

D. Sudhanva, Hon. Secretary, NIE Management Committee, was the guest of honour during the inaugural. General Secretary Arjun Purushan proposed a vote of thanks. Student Coordinator Sukesh presented an overview of the programme.

Winners of 'Battle of Bands' and 'Footloose' events

The **'North Bound' band** from MICA College won 'Battle of Bands,' a national-level band competition, held as part of the Fest. Judges for the event were Ravikiran and Dr. Bharadwaj.

The dance competition, 'Footloose' was also held on the first day of the Fest in which **Ankush** won the solo category and **Nivesh** and **Dirty feet** won the duo category. Judge for the event was Gagan Somaiah.

DAY-2

Kannada Day was celebrated at NIE College as part of techNIEks. The chief guest for the event was well-known Kannada Music Director, Poornachandra Tejaswi. The event was followed by a bike rally.

The day also featured **Fashion Show** with the theme for the Show as 'Bombay Velvet.'

A live concert of **Akcent,** a Romanian singer-songwriter, DJ and entertainer, was an added attraction of Day-2 of the Fest. An hour-long concert concluded with his famous song *"That's My Name."*

DAY-3

The final day of the Fest featured 'Ethnic Day' celebrations with students dressed in ethnic attire — There was representation from all the regions and communities of Karnataka as well as the country. Later in the evening, cultural events were held which included performance by the DJ duo 'SPLIT.' The final act of the day was of the renowned Punjabi singer AKULL who presented some of the Bollywood hits along with his famous song *"Laal Bindi."*

PRELUDE

Sangeeth Shatranj: As a prelude to techNIEks, the College conducted 'Sangeeth Shatranj,' a music competition at Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Hall in the College premises.

A total of 22 participants from many colleges across the city took part in the event. Following are the winners of various categories of the contest:

Karnatak: Ashwini (first) and M.R. Vishnu (runner-up); **Hindustani:** Samvatsara; **Instrumental:** C.V. Shruti (Violin - First) and Subramanya Prabhu (Flute - Runner); **Special prize:** Atri Kaushik for being the youngest participant (11 years); **Percussion:** Nandan Kashyap (winner) and Rohith Kashyap (runner-up).

KSCA Mysuru Zone Inter-Collegiate Cricket

Mahajana FGC in final

Mysuru, Mar. 17- Inspiring batting performances by S. Suprith (73) and L. Hemanth Kumar (64), combined with some good bowling by Surya A. Naragund (5/14), enabled SBRR Mahajana FGC to register a big 161-run win over Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru, in the semi-final of the KSCA Mysuru Zone Inter-Collegiate Cricket Tournament played at the SDNR Wadiyar Grounds here yesterday.

Batting first, SBRR Mahajana FGC posted a total of 210/5 in 30 overs. Good batting performances by S. Suprith (73, 4x4, 2x6) and L. Hemanth Kumar (64, 6x4) boosted the total.

In reply, Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru, were bowled out for a paltry 49 in 15.1 overs. Leg-spinner Surya S. Naragund impressed with figures of 5/14. He was well-supported by Sibtain Ali (2/19) and M.S. Mithun Jain (2/11).

With this big win, SBRR Mahajana FGC entered the final of the Tournament.

SCORES

SBRR Mahajana FGC: 210/5 in 30 overs (S. Suprith 73, L. Hemanth Kumar 64, D. Amruth Raj 24, Leanord 4/37) bt **Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru:** 49 in 15.1 overs (Surya S. Naragund 5/14, Sibtain Ali 2/19, M.S. Mithun Jain 2/11).

Coronavirus Pandemic

Mysore Varsity PE Department postpones felicitation function

Mysuru, Mar. 17- The Department of Physical Education (DPE), University of Mysore (UoM), has decided to postpone the felicitation function for outstanding sports persons which was scheduled to be held on Mar.18 due to COVID-19 scare to a later date which will be announced in due course by the Department.

The DPE was to felicitate the medal winners of All-India Inter-University, South Zone Inter-University Tournaments and Khelo India University Games.

SUMMER CAMPS

The annual summer camp conducted by the DPE and the swimming camp at the University Swimming Pool at Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, also has been postponed to a later date which will be announced by the Department, as per Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Director (in-Charge), DPE, University of Mysore.

UKCA cancels all Chess Tourneys

Bengaluru, Mar. 17- The United Karnataka Chess Association (UKCA), the parent body of Chess Organisations in the State, has decided to cancel all Chess Tournaments of the District and the State Selection Tournaments in Karnataka State up to Apr.15.

The Tournaments declared earlier now stands postponed.

This decision was taken to fulfil the health and safety measures as per the guidelines of the Union and State Governments and as a preventive measure for COVID-19.

This was disclosed to the Press by R. Hanumantha, Hon. Secretary, UKCA.

Players go home as IPL Franchises call off camps till further notice

New Delhi, Mar. 17- The eight Indian Premier League (IPL) franchises have called off their respective pre-tournament camps till further notice, three days after the COVID-19 pandemic forced a suspension of the cash-rich event from Mar.29 to April 15.

Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) yesterday deferred their training camp, which was scheduled to begin on Mar.21, due to the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus in the country.

Three-time champions Mumbai Indians (MI), Chennai Super Kings (CSK) as well as Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) have already cancelled their camps.

"Keeping in mind the health and safety of everyone involved, the RCB Training Camp scheduled to start on the 21st of March has been deferred until further notice. We request everyone to follow the guidelines provided by the Health Ministry and stay safe," RCB tweeted.

The RCB outfit is led by Indian cricket team skipper Virat Kohli.

Three-time winners CSK had suspended their camp on Saturday, after which their talisman M.S. Dhoni left the city.

The BCCI last Friday suspended the IPL following Government-imposed travel restrictions and refusal by three States to host any matches owing to the pandemic that has so far claimed more than 6,000 lives globally while infecting over 1,60,000 people.

The franchise owners are hoping that in case the IPL starts on April 15, the State Governments, which have denied permission for matches, will be ready to give the green light should the situation improves.

India has so far reported 114 positive cases for COVID-19 with two deaths.

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Mukkatira Cup Hockey Tournament

CM promises Rs.50 lakh

Due to Coronavirus scare, the organisers will go by the decision taken by the Government and Kodava Hockey Academy regarding the schedule of the Tournament.

—Mukkatira Motu Uttaiah, Chairman, Mukkatira Cup Hockey Tournament

Virajpet, Mar. 17- Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has promised Rs.50 lakh for the month-long 'Mukkatira Cup' Kodava Family Hockey Tournament scheduled to take place from Apr.19 to May 17 at Federation of Kodava Samaja Stadium, Balugodu, in the town.

Announcing this at a press meet here recently, the Tournament Chairman Mukkatira Motu Uttaiah said that recently a delegation led by Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah met Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and appealed him to sanction Rs.1 crore for the annual Tournament, to which the CM promised a grant of Rs.50 lakh.

Maintaining that more than 300 Kodava families are taking part in this Hockey Tournament, Uttaiah said that the last date for registration of teams is Mar.29. The matches will take place at three grounds, with 18 teams taking part every day, he added.

The Tournament Working President Rohit Subbaiah said that the winner of the Tournament will get a Trophy and Rs.3 lakh cash prize, while the runner-up will get Rs.2 lakh and the third placed team will get Rs.1 lakh. Also, five other teams which reach the Quarter-finals will get Rs.50,000 each, he added.

He further said that, due to Coronavirus scare, the organisers will go by the decision taken by the Government and Kodava Hockey Academy regarding the schedule of the Tournament.

Tournament Director Karumbaiah and others were present during the press meet.

Sixer Sidhu launches YouTube Channel

Chandigarh, Mar. 17- Even as his Congress Government in Punjab completes its three years, cricketer-turned-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu, well-known as "Sixer Sidhu," who has been lying low since his resignation from the State Cabinet in July last, on Saturday launched his own channel on YouTube to share his views.

Navjot Singh Sidhu

In his maiden video, a sulking Sidhu who met Interim Party Chief Sonia Gandhi in New Delhi on Feb.27 and apprised her of the political situation in Punjab, said he would communicate with the people in a simple way.

The channel named 'Jittega Punjab' or 'Punjab will Win' invites all like-minded people to share their views.

A communication by Sidhu's office said: "It is a platform to propel Punjab towards revival and renaissance. After nine months of contemplation and self-renewal, the former Minister, four-term Member of Parliament and MLA Amritsar East will be vocal on the burning issues of Punjab and strive to carve out a concrete roadmap for the resurrection of Punjab as a welfare State."

Sidhu said the channel is inspired by the path of universal brotherhood, tolerance, love and peace shown by Baba Nanak.

The cricketer-turned-politician had resigned from his post as a Cabinet Minister in the State after differences with Chief Minister Amarinder Singh over portfolio allocation. Sidhu was in-charge of Local Bodies but was shifted to the Power Department.

However, the tension was simmering between the two leaders when former Minister and Sidhu's wife Navjot Kaur was denied a party ticket for the Lok Sabha elections, said sources.

Navjot Kaur was eyeing Chandigarh seat but Pawan Bansal got the ticket.

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Plea to remove chopped tree fallen inside a drain at Vijayanagar

Civic workers, who chopped down a dry thorny tree, next to a drain near Kodava Samaja in Vijayanagar four months ago, have left the fallen tree inside the drain. This has resulted in water getting stagnant in the drain and creating unhygienic atmosphere in the surroundings. Authorities concerned are urged to get the tree removed from the drain at the earliest.

Tree nailed with advertisements at Subashnagar

A healthy tree at a park on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road in Subashnagar (opposite to Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital) is nailed with many advertisement boards using iron nails, thus causing harm to the tree. The efforts of the Government agencies to conserve city's green cover have been undermined by vested interests, who have used trees as free pinning boards to advertise their products and services. These boards are nailed to trunks, posing a threat to the survival of the tree. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get these advertisements nailed to trees removed at the earliest.

COVID-19 silences venues buzzing with people

MANASAGANGOTHRI: ***Even as the sprawling Manasagangothri premises wears a deserted look with campus closed for public and Mysore University having already declared a holiday for students due to COVID-19 scare, a security guard on duty at the entrance of the campus was seen wearing handkerchief as safety mask.***

LINGAMBUDHI LAKE: ***In the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic, Lingambudhi Lake in the outskirts of the city has been closed for public from Mar.16 till Mar.22.***

MYSURU ZOO: ***One of the major tourist attractions, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, well-known as Mysuru Zoo, too is closed with a notice from its Executive Director displayed on the closed gates that states: "To prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and in the interest of public health and safety, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens and Karanji Lake Nature Park remains closed for visitors from 15.3.2020 to 23.3.2020. Visitors are kindly requested to co-operate in this regard."***

Corona scare: Close health vigil in Tibetan Camp at Bylakuppe

Madikeri, Mar.17 (PS&DM)- Even as Kodagu district administration is taking all necessary measures to stop the spread of the Coronavirus which is causing havoc across the globe, with more than 5,000 people having lost their lives so far, the Health Department has kept a close watch on Bylakuppe Tibetan Camp near Kushalnagar, where scores of Tibetans are staying.

Tibetan monks from Bylakuppe frequently visit their homeland Tibet that shares its border with China, the epicentre of COVID-19 and as such the Health Department is leaving no chances and are going about educating the camp inmates on the measures and precautions to be taken for preventing the spread of the Virus.

They have also kept a close watch on the health of Tibetan monks who have returned from Tibet. With the famous Golden Temple located in the Tibetan Settlement, a good number of foreign tourists, apart from domestic tourists visit the spot to have a glimpse of the magnificent temple. As such, the foreign tourists too are being educated on the measures to be taken. Also, regular screening and health check-up camps are being conducted in the Colony and those with early symptoms are being quarantined as a safety measure.

In a related development, the administration of Sera Jey Monastery said that it is taking all measures to follow all Government advisories in view of the prevalent COVID-19 health crisis and subsequent notices by the authorities. The Monastery has requested devotees, visitors and guests to avoid visiting the Monastery and its premises during the 'Hayagriva Retreat Ceremony' from Mar.12 to 22.

It has also advised public to refrain from going to crowded places and avoid taking part in big events and to seek medical help as soon as possible if they show symptoms of flu, cough and fever.

Meanwhile, the district administration has issued a circular to all Gram Panchayat PDOs of the district on the precautionary and safety measures to be taken.

The PDOs have been asked to stop sale of food in the open along the streets, ensure minimum usage of use-and-throw articles, check sale of mutton and chicken in the open and prevent sale of cut-fruits kept in the open.

The public are advised not to be part of large gatherings and the parents have been asked not to bring their wards to markets, as a safety measure. Following the circular, Somwarpet Tahsildar Govindaraju has banned weekly shandies in the taluk.

Foreign tourists screened

With foreign tourists held up in Resorts, Home Stays and other lodging facilities, Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Anees Kanmani Joy has sought information from the owners about the stay of foreigners in the district. All tourism stakeholders have been asked to immediately furnish all information that they have regarding the stay of foreign tourists on Mob: 88924-94703.

Partying continues

Even though the district administration has announced a partial lockdown of the district shutting down all major tourist spots and pubs, bars etc., the tourists arriving at Madikeri seem to be not bothered about the restrictions, as they continue with their enjoyment by partying in the open.

With the entire State under a partial lockdown, a group of tourists who had come to Madikeri from elsewhere a couple of days ago, were seen enjoying by the side of their cars that were parked on the road leading to Indiranagar from Raja Seat, one of the most prominent tourist spots in Madikeri.

But members of the public, who were witness to the merriment, were seen objecting the act of the party-goers at a time when the State has declared a medical emergency following COVID-19 pandemic.

Intl. Adolescent Health Week

International Adolescent Health Week is observed from March 15 to 21, 2020 by the Mysore Adolescent Health Academy (MAHA). Here we publish a brief write-up by Dr. S.N. Mothi, Chairman of MAHA and Asha Kirana Charitable Trust, Hebbal, Mysuru.

International Adolescent Health Week is a grass-roots initiative for young people, their health care providers, their teachers, their parents, their advocates and their communities to come together and celebrate young people and with an ultimate goal of working collectively towards improving the health and well-being of over 1 billion adolescents across the globe today. Ten to nineteen years age group constitute more than $^{1}/_{5}$th of India's population.

Factors affecting Adolescent Health: In social environment, attitudes and norms, relationships with family, mass media, gender discrimination, risk taking behaviour, tobacco, alcohol, unprotected sex, violence and injury, etc.

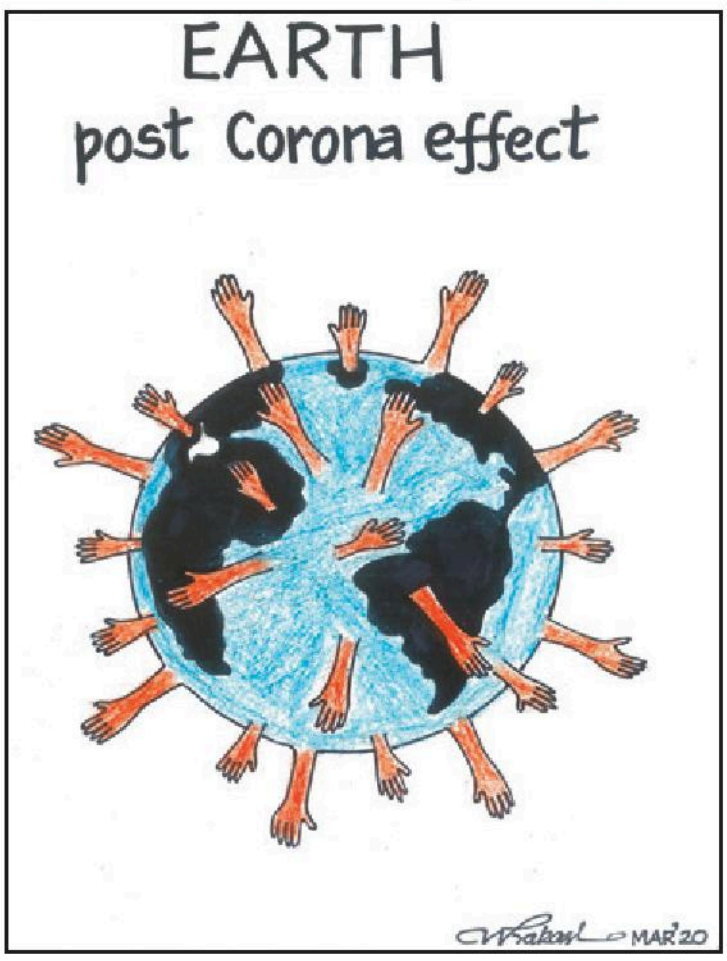
Protective factors for Adolescent Health: Caring and meaningful relationships, positive school environment, clear structure and boundaries of behaviour, having spiritual beliefs, encouragement of self-expression, opportunities for participation and contribution will help protect the adolescent health.

Adolescents are vulnerable to sexual promiscuity and drug abuse is on a very high, especially in adolescent age group. Physical injuries, delinquent behaviour, eating and sleep disorders (binge eating, Bulemia Nervosa, Anorexia Nervosa), reproductive health problems, post-traumatic stress disorders, depression and anxiety, suicidal behaviour and self-harm.

Barriers preventing adolescents from seeking health services: Many a times, family people and adolescents do not recognise illnesses and are also unaware of consequences; adolescents do not want to draw attention to themselves and they do not know where to go. They fear that health workers may humiliate them by asking difficult questions. Parental consent is required for counselling but adolescents are not willing for it. There are also concerns about confidentiality.

NOTE: *MAHA under the Presidentship of Dr. S.N. Mothi and Dr. M.R. Prashanth (Secretary) had planned a series of events in various High Schools and Colleges. But in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, awareness and educational programmes have been deferred to next academic year.*—**Ed**

TEASER By N. Prakash



WORD OF THE DAY

Punctilio

Pronunciation: puhngk-til-ee-oh
Meaning: A fine point, particular, or detail, as of conduct, ceremony, or procedure; showing great attention to detail or correct behaviour.
Origin: The English noun punctilio comes via Italian puntiglio "minor point (of detail or behavior)," from Spanish puntillo "a dot, minute point, point of honor" a diminutive of punto "point, spot, dot." The Spanish and Italian noun punto comes from Latin punctum "small hole, puncture," a noun use of the past participle punctus from the verb pungere "to pierce, prick, sting (of insects)." The c in Latin punctum is the source of c in English punctilio. Punctilio entered English in the late 16th century.
Example: He was punctilious in providing every amenity for his guests.

THE ODD WORD

Pantopragmatic

A person meddling in everybody's business.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Pennies from heaven

Meaning: Money acquired without effort or risk.
Origin: The phrase is applied to any unexpected benefits, but especially financial ones. The first time that the expression "Pennies from heaven" came into the public consciousness was on the release of the 1936 film, starring Bing Crosby.
It wasn't coined by the film's writers though, having been used in print a few years earlier, in Abraham Burstein's Ghetto Messenger, 1928.

QUOTE BOX

Painting is another form of thinking. **—Gerhard Richter**

RIDDLE THIS

How many peas are in a pint?

Answer: There is only one 'P' in a pint.

SUDOKU

5	2		8		4		7	
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		8	7	1	2	6		
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1			4			8	9	
		3						
	8		2		7		1	4

Answer to previous puzzle

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Not excited
5 Desmond's pet name?
8 Othello's false friend
12 Lacking confidence
14 Gas used in advertising?
15 Refuse vehicle
16 Hotelier from TV serial 'Allo 'Allo?
17 Trouble or afflict, in rather old-fashioned English
18 Cup's companion
20 Script symbols
23 They are related to a newt
24 Sings or warbles a tune softly to oneself
25 Opposed to heavenly
28 Magnetic Resonance Imaging
29 All __ ___ : utterly bewildered? (2,3)
30 Equal opportunity employer abbr
32 I pray thee
34 A kind of bean cultivated in Japan
35 Twist into a shape of a spiral?
36 Giver
37 Igloo dweller
40 The senior-most of the Chappell brothers
41 ___ Hackman : famous Hollywood star?
42 Carried ones canoe
47 Eons or epochs
48 Childish
49 Engrossed
50 As sweet __ _ rose? (2,1)
51 So be it

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

U	N	D	O	N	E	■	U	G	L	I	E	R		
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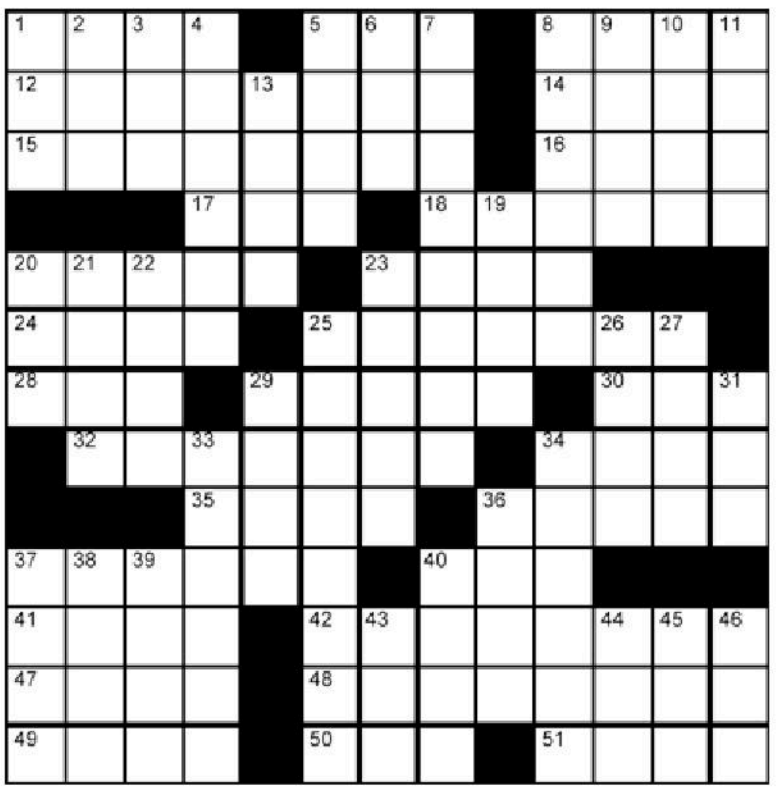
DOWN

1 Dev Anand thriller of yore
2 Music director Malik
3 Lightning Sensor Sys.
4 Heavy ___ : lead, uranium, etc.
5 Twofold
6 Be mistaken
7 Liberates or releases? (4,4)
8 Influx - "his run" anagram?
9 Airlines Electronic Engineering Comm.
10 Going, going ____..... : sold at the auction?
11 Unique or singular person
13 202 in Roman numerals
19 Indian wheaten flour
20 Unit of electrical resistance
21 Relief of stomach gas, especially for a babe in arms
22 Mid-East VIP
23 Artist's prop
25 Landlocked neighbour of Sudan
26 Exodus author __ Uris
27 Toy on a string (2-2)
29 Tiny particle
31 Hearing organ
33 Most frigid
34 Musical composition - "not as an" alteration?
36 Given facts
37 Hungarian city
38 Plural of "serum"
39 Strike sharply
40 "A rim" changed for a girl?
43 On-Board Maintenance Sys.
44 A type of adhesive
45 Able was I ___ I saw Elba.... the famous palindrome?
46 Private room or a lair?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FYCFVJ MB JBKXO CQFI VBH JFRM VBH'M MB MOHDW.

IQFI CRYY IXFLQ VBH IB WXXN VBHO UBHIQ JQHI.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Look at everything as though you were seeing it for the first or last time.

SKYWATCH

Mellifluous Rendezvous of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn with Moon

From time immemorial, man has always been inquisitive by nature. He has been exploring the sky very deeply and effectively. None can rival the glory of star-studded night sky, being strewn with unassailable and unprecedented celestial objects.

Many astronomical objects have captivated humans with love, affection, passion and sympathy. The three celebrated planets, namely Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, can be seen evidently with moon in the dawn or morning sky on Mar. 18 with ease, energy and enthusiasm.

'Planet Watching' is one of the most fascinating, enjoyable and mesmerising experience. If we witness the sky on a dark, clear night we can see many hundreds of stars and few terrestrial planets. They are not alike; they are of different colours, and of course they differ in brightness. Planets move slowly among the stars, following patterns that repeat over months or years.

During March and April, Indians are privileged to witness four planets in the sky. In the night sky, one can witness Venus and in the morning sky, mesmerizing planets, namely Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, to fall in line forming a natural planetary conjunction on Mar.18 and they can be seen in the constellation Sagittarius.

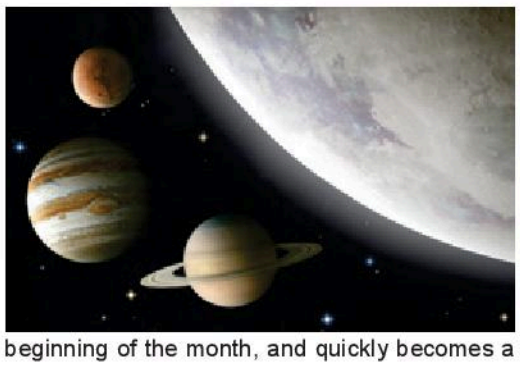
Venus is regarded to the brightest planet in our Solar System. This planet can be seen very clearly in night sky at around 7 pm in the western direction in the constellation Pisces directly without using any astronomical instruments. This brilliant and astounding planet has mesmerised humans from time immemorial by revealing its exceptional planetary features. Venus is second major planet in order of distance from the Sun. Even novice star-gazers will have no difficulty finding brilliant Venus, often called the 'morning' or 'evening' star.

Venus can be the brightest object in the sky after the Sun and Moon and allows a near-circular path some 106 million kilometres from the Sun, taking 225 days to complete one orbit. The most dazzling planet of solar system, Venus will be presently visible over the western horizon after sunset, and remains visible over the western horizon throughout the month.

In a telescope, Venus' opaque clouds usually appear featureless. Sometimes, however, observers are able to make out faint, dark patches on the white disk, probably the cloud features. During the third week of March, the planet can be clearly seen in the western sky with mesmerising brightness.

Mars is the resplendent yellow-orange planet in the Solar System. Mars reaches opposition this year and the best visibility every 780 days on average, about two years, seven weeks. Look for Mars to be high over the southeast horizon before sunrise. During morning, one can clearly see the red planet at around 5 am (IST) over the Southeast direction. Mars can appear at any place in the sky on the ecliptic, rather than always staying near the Sun, like Mercury and Venus. On first viewing Mars by telescope, beginners are often startled by its smallness, even at its closest approach. Mars appears no larger than a lunar crater. Typical first looks show an amber disk, some faint markings, and may be a whitish polar cap. On Oct.13 of this year, Mars will be close to earth.

Jupiter is the fifth planet from the Sun and the largest of the Solar System, easily perceptible with the unaided eye. Jupiter can be seen around 4.45 am (IST) over the southeast horizon at the



beginning of the month, and quickly becomes a bright and noticeable morning planet.

Jupiter's disk offers the backyard astronomer a wealth of ever-changing detail that can be seen in almost any telescope. Bright zones and dark belts vary in strength and change position slightly. Jupiter's most famous single feature is the Great Red Spot, a vast and turbulent eddy located just below the south equatorial belt that has been observed for at least 300 years. A telescope or binocular lets you experience the famous Galilean moons of Jupiter. This is the other planet which can be seen effortlessly in the morning sky which is located close to Mars. This planet has been considered to be the biggest planet in the Solar System.

With the assistance of an astronomical telescope, one can undoubtedly notice the perceptibility of four satellites, namely Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. On July 14, this planet reaches opposition with utmost accuracy and shall be the best time to see to this planet throughout the night.

Saturn is regarded to the most gorgeous planet in the solar system, which is popularly referred by the sobriquet "King of Planets." On July 20, this planet reaches opposition with utmost accuracy and is the right time to see to this gorgeous planet. At around 4.30 am in March, it can be clearly noticed in the south-eastern direction. Saturn's rings are well-known and were explored in great detail by the Voyager missions.

Saturn's rings, an unmitigated, disc-like, effortlessly conspicuous with even a small telescope, which envelops Saturn. Saturn rises at about 1.30 am (IST) and will be visible throughout the morning sky, will be high over the western horizon during sunrise. Saturn is approximately between these two first magnitude stars, and slightly brighter. Saturn is probably the most memorable sight in a telescope you can have. Kindly note, the magnitude of Venus is -4, Jupiter is -2.1 and Saturn is 0.7 and these planets can be seen in single constellation, Sagittarius.

If the magnitude is negative, the planet exhibits maximum brightness. Remember that, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn can be noticed between the constellations — Capricorn and Sagittarius.

Enjoy watching these four dominating planets in March. These planets can be seen through naked eyes avoiding the sophistication. Telescopes for planet watching need sturdy mountings and high-quality optics. Most observers use powers of 200x or less, due to unsettled seeing. Also useful are coloured filters, which accentuate specific features on planets. So it is the high time for the amateur astronomers and sky-gazers to fix the stares in the morning and night sky to witness these planets. Also, it is the best time to accomplish astrophotography by capturing these giant planets. Enjoy this and spread the awareness of Observational Astronomy.

—Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna
Observational Astronomer

Varsity Centenary Convocation postponed to May

Mass Feeding Centre, Regional Museum of Natural History closed

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (RK,RKB&KS) - Following directions from the District Administration not to hold any events where large number of people gather, the Centenary Convocation of University of Mysore (UoM), scheduled to be held this month, has been postponed to May 2020.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Varsity Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that as COVID-19 scare is increasing day-by-day and the State Government asking all organisations to take preventive steps, the Centenary Convocation has been postponed.

He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was invited for the 100th Convocation which was to be held this month but before the PM could confirm the date, the deadly Coronavirus has forced us to postpone the event.

Temporary closure of UoM hostels

UoM has decided to temporarily close down its Students' Hostels in view of COVID-19 scare.

According to a circular issued by the University on Monday, all the students and research scholars staying in the hostels should return to their native places and not return till March 31 as a precautionary measure.

There are a total of 18 hostels, housing 4,000 students and research scholars.

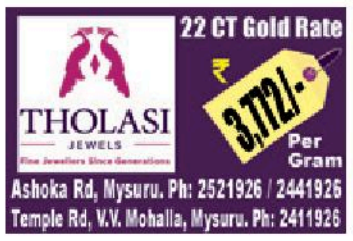
The circular has cited a Government Order and requested the students to cooperate with the University authorities.

No Mass Feeding

The Mass Feeding Centre, run by Lions District 317A at the old RMC premises on New Sayyaji Rao Road where more than 50 labourers were being fed lunch daily has been closed, according to the Centre Convenor Ravindranath Tikaare.

Museum shut

Following the advice from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Regional Museum of Natural History at Siddarthanagar too will be closed to public from Mar. 17 to Mar. 31 or until further notice in public interest, according to G.N. Indresha, Scientist-E and Head of Office.



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